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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6309
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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PARM UN XT UK
SUBJECT: UNSSOD: EC-9 DRAFT STATEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 127407, (B) STATE 103698

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED U.S. CONCERNS PER REFTEL MAY 19
WITH MALLABY, HEAD OF FCO'S ARMS CONTROL DEPT, SPELLING
OUT REASONS U.S. OPPOSES PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL
SATELLITE OBSERVATION (REFTELS A AND B).

2. MALLABY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD REASONS FOR OUR CONCERN,
BUT THE NINE'S PAPER, WHICH HAD BEEN PHRASED AS
GENERALLY AS POSSIBLE, HAD TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF OBVIOUS
FRENCH INTEREST IN SUBJECT. BRITISH HAVE NOT GIVEN
FINAL APPROVAL TO TEXT, HOWEVER, AND HE WOULD SEE IF
LANGUAGE COULD BE MODIFIED, DOUBTING THAT NINE WOULD
AGREE TO OUTRIGHT DELETION OF PHRASE ON OBSERVATION
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SATELLITES. IN MULLING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES, MALLABY
THOUGHT NINE MIGHT AGREE TO REPLACE "CONSIDERATION
SHOULD BE GIVEN" TO SOMETHING LIKE "VIEWS OF STATES
SHOULD BE SOUGHT." WE MADE CLEAR OUR INSTRUCTIONS WERE
ONLY TO SEEK DELETION OF REFERENCE TO SATELLITE
OBSERVATION.

3. COMMENT: FOR SAKE OF CREDIBILITY, WE MENTIONED OUR AWARENESS OF EC-9 DRAFT TO MALLABY, WITHOUT INDICATING SOURCES. IN EVENT OF FRENCH UNWILLINGNESS TO DELETE REFERENCE TO SATELLITE OBSERVATION, WE THINK MALLABY'S COMPROMISE SUGGESTION COULD BE HELPFUL. (WE NOTE DEPT SEEMS WILLING TO ACCEPT SUCH LANGUAGE ON DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT AGENCY PER PARA 4 REFTEL.) MALLABY WILL BE IN NEW YORK MONDAY, MAY 22, SHOULD DEPT OR USUN WISH TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH HIM. STREATOR

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